

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY.
Winds light northwest to north and
weather fair.

SUGAR—96° Centrifugals, 3,724 in
New York.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1903.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

A GREAT DAY FOR EXPLANATIONS

Senators Brown and McCandless and Representative Gandall Rise to Questions of Privilege.

County Bill Makes Its Dilatory Appearance. Beckley on Foes of Hawaiian—Proceedings of House and Senate.

The House was called to order half an hour earlier than usual yesterday morning, it being the understanding that the county bill would come up at once for consideration, but it didn't. A message was received from the Governor reciting that he had signed the Territorial flag bill.

In response to a resolution passed on Friday, Chief Clerk White, of the Board of Public Works, submitted a statement of the amount of material on hand in that department, the quantity of material loaned, and a full report of the loss of the dredger loaned to Cotton Bros. at Pearl Harbor. The statement went to the translator without being read, the Speaker wishing the members to consider it at some future time with full understanding.

The Clerk of the Board of Public Works submitted a second communication inclosing the report of Harbor Master Fuller on the receipts of his office for wharfage and harbor dues. The report was as follows:

"Wharfage collected: 1888, \$25,688.30; 1889, \$25,197.82; 1890, \$29,988.80; 1891, \$31,571.96; 1892, \$24,851.84; 1893, \$24,912.55; 1894, \$25,805.84; 1895, \$25,660.61; 1896, \$35,563.89; 1897, \$35,987.69; 1898, \$45,855.59; 1899, \$61,182.65; 1900, \$92,268.05; 1901, \$53,872.08; 1902, \$36,192.85. Total, \$574,581.52. "Wharfage at Railroad wharf, collected from July, 1890, to August, 1899, \$48,903.73."

The Secretary of the Senate reported two bills that had passed third reading in that body, and they were taken up and read by title, as follows:

Senate Bill No. 66.—An act to amend the penal code.

Senate Bill No. 77.—An act for the incorporation of societies for the prevention of cruelty to children.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

The following petitions were presented:

Hilo taxpayers, asking for \$35,000 for removal and construction of enlarged jail, police court and police headquarters building, remodeling police station, Hilo courthouse, painting, repairs, etc.; referred to the police committee.

From Hilo citizens, asking for support and maintenance of the Hilo band; referred to the military committee.

From citizens of Hilo, praying for an appropriation for Hilo park and boulevard; referred to police committee.

From citizens of Honouliuli, Hawaii, asking that their request for opening up a homestead tract be granted and that the survey be made at the first opportunity; referred to the public lands committee.

From citizens of Waialeale, Hilo, Hawaii, asking that the lands of Waialeale under lease to the Waialeale Mill Company be opened up for house lots; referred to the judiciary committee.

From citizens of Hilo asking for \$10,000 for repairs on the Volcano road, from 21 miles to the Volcano House; referred to the committee on public expenditures.

From citizens of Hilo, deferred to be considered with the county bill: That the county bill pass this session; that the direction and charge of public schools be left to the county; that the management of the Board of Health be vested in the Board of Supervisors;

that the bonds to which the county officers are to be subject to be equitable and just.

From citizens of South Kona, asking for \$9,000 for repair and widening of roads of the district; referred to the public lands committee.

From Keo Kalina (Joseph Green), asking for payment of loss by plague fire; referred to the public health committee.

Petition by Mr. Wright from citizens of Kau asking for \$73,500 for road work of the district; referred to the public health committee.

FULL OF ERRORS.

Mr. Knudsen, from the special committee on rules, reported that the copies of the rules were so full of errors that his committee had come to a standstill, and recommended that the copy go back to the committee on printing for better proof reading. It was so ordered.

Chillingworth reported progress from the health committee in the matter of inquiry into the affairs of the Board of Health.

Kellinot asked for further time for the special committee to investigate the Rapid Transit Company, and it was granted.

Kupieha offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the chairman of the judiciary committee be instructed to investigate the tax laws and license laws of the Territory of Hawaii, and to file a report thereon within five days from date."

This was something of a bombshell, as showing that the finance committee was being interfered with unduly, and Kellinot moved that it be tabled. Kupieha, in explanation, asked for by Harris, said that the House was about to enter upon the discussion of the county bill, and it was important to have thorough knowledge on this subject. The whole matter of the resolution was thrashed out, and then the motion to table it was lost. Next it was amended to refer the proposed investigation to the finance instead of the judiciary committee, after Kupieha had said something in Hawaiian which led the Speaker to say to him: "You are too personal."

Fernandez got the floor now and wanted to know how the House was to pass revenue measures if the finance committee was stubborn. This brought a rise from Harris.

HARRIS FEELS HURT.

"Mr. Speaker," said he, "I do not think the finance committee is stubborn. I have several measures now which it is my purpose to introduce this afternoon. But if this resolution is passed, it will be tantamount to a vote of want of confidence in the finance committee. There will be nothing for the committee to do, in that event, so far as I can see, excepting to stop the work it is engaged upon. I would ask instructions from the Speaker as to what the finance committee is to do, in the event of the passage of this resolution."

Long gave notice of the introduction of a bill to allow the distillation of liquor in the Territory, and repealing all laws prohibiting distillation and sale of liquor.

The judiciary committee, under suspension of the rules, reported on the bill for the appointment of a Public

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MIDNIGHT FIRE ON SCHOONER

Captain Salverson Discovered It and Had Hands and Face Burned—Sailors Rush to Rescue—Tug Fearless Saved Vessel From Destruction.

Just before midnight last night fire broke out in the captain's quarters of the four-masted schooner Mahukona and came very near destroying the vessel. The schooner is anchored in the row and this made fighting it a very hard job.

When the fire started the Captain was the first to discover it and he immediately raised the alarm. In a moment the whole cabin was ablaze and the crew of the vessel were unable to cope with it. The fog's bell was kept ringing as an alarm and this attracted the members of the crews of near by vessels who came to the rescue immediately and formed a bucket brigade. When the fire first broke out watchmen on the tug Iroquois noticed it and about all of the jacksies of that vessel turned out and rowed to the fire doing valiant work with buckets. But this force was unable to put out the fire and it gained steadily.

Someone on the Inter Island wharf noticed the blaze and turned in an alarm which brought Chief Thurston and his men to the foot of Fort street in a lively way. The Chief immediately telephoned to Captain Olsson of the tug Fearless. The latter routed his men out and had the tug Fearless alongside of the burning vessel in remarkably quick time. Two lines of hose were put aboard the vessel and with the powerful engines of the Fearless at work tons of water were immediately thrown into the after portion of the Mahukona, extinguishing the flames quickly. There was no talk of the salvage. No talk at all, simply the throwing of lines of hose on board and the hose spouting water almost before the men could get hold of the nozzles.

Captain Salverson, of the Mahukona, made this statement to a representative of the Advertiser, in the presence of his chief officer and Police Officer Adam Duncan, and several others: "I had just come from shore. I went into the cabin and laid down. I was reading and smoking. I saw the fire at the foot of the bed. No I cannot state exactly where I first saw it, but I saw it. I don't know how it started. I called my chief officer at once. We tried to put out the fire. I got badly burned on the hands and face but we could do no good, even with the whole crew. I was in the cabin, my bed cabin, and saw the fire first there."

The amount of damage to the vessel could not be learned early this morning, but the fire was fully under control at one o'clock.

The tug and the men who first boarded the vessel from other ships did quick work or the ship would undoubtedly be badly damaged today.

No one on the vessel saw the fire until their attention was called to it by Captain Salverson.

The Mahukona arrived here on March 10th from Shanghai in ballast and was to have gone to Eleele to load sugar for San Francisco.

THE WILCOX SHORTAGE NOT HITHERTO REPORTED

It Did Not Figure in Wright Indictment—Deputy Auditor Meyers Says Grand Jury Didn't Investigate—Who Is Responsible?

The Senate committee is engaged in an investigation of the various shortages in the office of Public Works and full statements of the Wilcox matter are being prepared for Senator Paris, chairman of the Committee on Public Expenditures to which was referred the item of \$2,337.85 for reimbursement of the road boards who suffered from the irregularities in the Department.

Supt. Cooper stated yesterday that the shortage reported was not a new one, and he was under the impression that it was an item for which B. H. Wright had been indicted and acquitted. Former Deputy Attorney General Cathcart who was in charge of the case states that there was an item of road board funds in the indictment, but it was not for the amount in which Wilcox is concerned. The evidence upon which the indictment was drawn was given by Deputy Auditor Meyers who conducted the investigations for the Territory. Auditor Meyers stated that the \$2,337.85 was NOT INCLUDED in the Wright indictment and had not been presented to the grand jury.

"The shortage for which Wright was indicted and acquitted was the general shortage in the office of chief clerk," said Mr. Meyers.

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MISSISSIPPI FLOOD OVER THE LEVEE

The President Will Be in San Francisco for Three Days In April.

Steamer Collides With Bark—Panama Canal Treaty Will Be Ratified—Revolution in Uruguay—Name for Cup Defender.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

MEMPHIS, Mar. 16.—The Mississippi river is pouring over the levee in Arkansas. Untold damage is feared.

Collided in a Fog.

VANCOUVER, Mar. 16.—In a fog collision between the steamer City of Seattle and the British bark Bankleigh, the latter received \$50,000 damage.

The British bark Bankleigh, Capt. Evans, is a vessel of 1429 tons and had just arrived from Liverpool. The steamer City of Seattle is a vessel of 913 tons, commanded by Captain Jansen, and runs between Seattle and Alaskan ports.

The Panama Canal Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—In the Senate the Bacon amendment to secure absolute control of the Panama Canal to the United States was defeated. Ratification of the treaty will probably be had tomorrow.

The President's Itinerary.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—President Roosevelt starts on his western trip April 1 and returns June 4. He will be in San Francisco on May 12 and 14.

Strikers Make Trouble.

KESWICK, Cal., Mar. 16.—There was a clash today between deputies and strikers over the work of the latter in dissuading recruits for the iron mines. Two strikers got their skulls fractured.

Cup Defender's Name.

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—The new cup defender is named the Reliance.

Revolution in Uruguay.

MONTEVIDEO, Mar. 16.—There is a revolution in three provinces of Uruguay.

Tod Sloan Wins.

MONTE CARLO, Mar. 16.—Tod Sloan, the American jockey, has won the grand prize in the pigeon shoot.

Afternoon Dispatches From Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Preliminary voting on amendments to the Panama Canal treaty were interesting features of today's session of the Senate. Senator Morgan's amendments declaring that the treaty shall not invalidate the Spooner provision for the acquisition of the Canal in perpetuity, refusal to lease to another government, and providing for the submission of the treaty to France were all defeated by decisive votes. Every indication points to the ratification of the treaty by a good margin.

NANTUCKET, Mass., March 16.—The freight steamer Park Gate, loaded with Cuban sugar for Boston, is ashore on the Nantucket shoals.

PANAMA, March 16.—The Republics of Salvador and Guatemala have agreed to submit their differences to peaceful arbitration.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 16.—Hearing in the suit against the Union Pacific railroad under the Interstate Commerce Law was commenced today. The railroad is charged with charging excessive rates and discriminating in its rates on sugar shipments. The trial promises to be a long one.

MADRID, Spain, March 16.—Tax riots through the city have required vigorous measures by the police and military. Several rioters were killed by the troops.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—The flood situation along the Mississippi is growing much more serious. Breaks in the levees have occurred below the city.